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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UK NOTE DELIVERED TO DEPT MAY 11:

QUOTE. HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S EMBASSY PRESENT THEIR
COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAVE THE HONOUR
TO INFORM THEM THAT HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAVE GIVEN
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE VIEWS ADVANCED IN THE UNITED
STATES NOTE AND AIDE MEMOIRE OF 5 AND 12 APRIL, RESPECT-
IVELY.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT CONSIDER THAT, IN INTERPRETING THE
BERMUDA AGREEMENT, FULL ACCOUNT MUST BE TAKEN OF THE UNDER-
STANDINGS OF SEPTEMBER 1974 AND AUGUST 1975 WHICH WERE
CLEARLY AT VARIANCE WITH THE INTERPRETATION GIVEN IN THE
JOINT PRESS STATEMENT OF 1946 AND MUST THEREFORE BE TAKEN
TO HAVE SUPERSEDED THAT INTERPRETATION. THESE UNDERSTAND-
INGS AROSE, NOT MERELY FROM THE INCREASE IN FUEL PRICES
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AND THE SUBSEQUENT SMALL REDUCTION IN THE DEMAND FOR AIR

TRAVEL, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY FROM THE FACT THAT THE PREVIOUS INTERPRETATION HAD LED, EVEN PRIOR TO THESE EVENTS, TO A SITUATION IN WHICH CAPACITY WAS NOT CLOSELY RELATED TO DEMAND AS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (3) OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE

CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE OF 1946, WITH CONSEQUENT SEVERE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES FOR THE AIRLINES CONCERNED.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT NOTE THE EXPLANATION IN THE AMBASSADOR'S NOTE OF 5 APRIL OF THE UNITED STATES' UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSED FREQUENCIES ON 25 AND 27 FEBRUARY 1976, BUT CONFIRM THEIR OWN UNDERSTANDING AS GIVEN IN THE NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS DATED 23 MARCH 1976.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT, DESPITE THEIR EARNEST ENDEAVOURS, IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT REGARDING CAPACITY TO BE MOUNTED ON NORTH ATLANTIC ROUTES (OTHER THAN MIAMI/LONDON) DURING THE SUMMER SEASON OF 1976. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE LEVELS OF CAPACITY NOW PLANNED FOR OPERATION BY THE AIRLINES DURING THAT SEASON WILL NOT BEAR A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO THE DEMAND AND WILL THUS NOT BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BERMUDA AGREEMENT AND THE SUBSEQUENT UNDERSTANDINGS REFERRED TO ABOVE. IT IS, HOWEVER, NOW TOO LATE FOR A REDUCTION IN CAPACITY TO EFFECT WORTHWHILE SAVINGS DURING THIS SUMMER PERIOD. HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WILL NOT THEREFORE RAISE OBJECTIONS TO THE CURRENTLY PLANNED CAPACITY FOR THIS PERIOD. THEY NEVERTHELESS ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO AVOIDING EXCESS CAPACITY ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC ROUTES DURING THE WINTER PERIOD 1976/77 AND THEREAFTER, AND WILL BE LOOKING FOR AN APPROPRIATE AGREEMENT REGARDING THE WINTER PERIOD BETWEEN THE AIRLINES OR GOVERNMENTS BY 31 JULY IN ORDER THAT THIS OBJECTIVE MAY BE ACHIEVED. FAILING THE CONCLUSION OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT, HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES MAY AT THE TIME PROVE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CAPACITY AND DEMAND FOR WHICH PROVISION IS MADE IN THE BERMUDA AGREEMENT AND THE SUBSEQUENT UNDERSTANDINGS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

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HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT ARE CONCERNED THAT IN THE AMBASSADOR'S AIDE MEMOIRE OF 12 APRIL THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE THREATENED COUNTER ACTION. THEY HAVE SOUGHT TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BERMUDA AGREEMENT AND THE UNDERSTANDINGS REFERRED TO ABOVE. IT WAS ONLY WHEN THEY WERE UNABLE AFTER PROLONGED ATTEMPTS TO PROCEED BY BY MEANS OF A JOINT IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE UNDERSTANDINGS,

RECENTLY AND FREELY ENTERED INTO, THAT HER MAJESTY'S
GOVERNMENT MADE CLEAR THEIR INTENTION OF IMPLEMENTING THEM
IN A REASONABLE AND EVEN HANDED MANNER. THEY BELIEVE THAT
AN AGREEMENT ON CAPACITY FOR THE COMING WINTER PERIOD WILL
BE IN THE INTERESTS OF CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL AVIATION, TO THE

MAINTENANCE OF WHICH HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT ATTACHES
MUCH IMPORTANCE, AS WELL AS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE
AIRLINES AND THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S EMBASSY AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW THE ASSURANCES OF THEIR HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

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